

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2126. A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-120).

S. 2585. A bill to modernize and improve the Broadband Funding Map in order to promote the most efficient use of Federal funds for broadband deployment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-121).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1572. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Federal carjacking statute.

S. 3062. A bill to require artificial intelligence chatbots to implement age verification measures and make certain disclosures, and for other purposes.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 4480. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on coverage under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act of certain pelvic health services furnished during the postpartum period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. 4481. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration project to allow States to test payment models for maternity care provided to pregnant and postpartum individuals under the Medicaid and CHIP programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. 4482. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to develop discharge plans for pregnant individuals as a condition of participation under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 4483. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to streamline applications from farmers to be vendors under certain nutrition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 4484. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate United States Route 287 as Interstate Route I-47, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 4485. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax holiday for gasoline and diesel fuel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 4486. A bill to amend title 3, United States Code, to prescribe a process to authorize certain activities at the Executive Residence at the White House, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BANKS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. KING, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4487. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2026, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAMHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDESMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MORENO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 723. A resolution honoring the life of Dirk Arthur Kempthorne, former United States Senator for the State of Idaho; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. Res. 724. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 439

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr.

BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income gain from the sale of qualified real property interests acquired under the authority of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program administered by the Department of Defense pursuant to section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 494, a bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes.

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to apply financial assistance towards the cost-sharing requirements of health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 977, a bill to prohibit taxpayer-funded gender transition procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 1124

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1124, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit the Federal Reserve banks from offering certain products or services directly to an individual, to prohibit the use of central

bank currency for monetary policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1225

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1225, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for certain freedom of association protections, and for other purposes.

S. 1296

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1296, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes.

S. 1380

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program to encourage specialty medicine physicians to serve in rural communities experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate information on concussion and traumatic brain injury among public safety officers.

S. 1572

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Federal carjacking statute.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding access to birth centers and exploring more effective payment models for birth center care, and for other purposes.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1649, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain marketplace providers as importers for purposes of the excise tax on sporting goods.

S. 1705

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to issue stand-

ards with respect to chip security mechanisms for integrated circuit products, and for other purposes.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to provide for a study on the consolidation of food safety agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1952

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1952, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal prohibition on the public release of the name of a Federal law enforcement officer with the intent to obstruct a criminal investigation or immigration enforcement operation.

S. 1983

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1983, a bill to require any convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reached by the World Health Assembly to be subject to Senate ratification.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2059, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to enhance financial support for rural and safety net hospitals providing maternity, labor, and delivery services to vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 2195

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2195, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 2225

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2225, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 2228

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from

North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2228, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to harmonize the definition of employee with the common law.

S. 2744

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2744, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify and extend the rules for personal casualty losses arising from major disasters and the rules for the exclusion from gross income of compensation for losses or damages resulting from certain wildfires.

S. 2761

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2761, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide long-term stability for Medicare beneficiary access to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests by improving the accuracy of, and feasibility of data collection for, the private payor-based fee schedule payment rates applied under the Medicare program for such tests, and for other purposes.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal penalties for the knowing and intentional administration of any abortion-inducing drug to a woman without her informed consent, if the abortion-inducing drug has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 3062

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3062, a bill to require artificial intelligence chatbots to implement age verification measures and make certain disclosures, and for other purposes.

S. 3064

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3064, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs for chronic pain conditions under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 3105

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3105, a bill to regulate human cadaveric islets for transplantation as organs.

S. 3213

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3213, a bill to amend the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the destruction authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to articles that present a significant public health concern, and for other purposes.

S. 3257

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3257, a bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations for certain individuals carrying out aviation activities who disclose a mental health diagnosis or condition, and for other purposes.

S. 3267

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3267, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of blood-based dementia screening tests.

S. 3332

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3332, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence, and for other purposes.

S. 3428

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3428, a bill to establish a Task Force for Recognizing and Averting Cryptocurrency Scams, and for other purposes.

S. 3713

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3713, a bill to require the advice and consent of the Senate for entry or reentry into any international climate agreement, and for other purposes.

S. 3726

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3726, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the President to define veteran success and to develop and implement a National Veterans Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 3966

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3966, a bill to prohibit the enforcement of certain contractual clauses that restrict disclosure of sexual abuse of minors, and for other purposes.

S. 4070

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator

from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 4070, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 4233

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4233, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to codify the Medicare low-wage index hospital policy.

S. 4295

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4295, a bill to prohibit aid that would benefit Hamas, to place restrictions on funding for United Nations entities that are led by countries that support terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 4296

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4296, a bill to amend the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018 to apply the provisions of that Act to international governmental organizations.

S. 4310

At the request of Mr. JUSTICE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4310, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for certain overtime compensation.

S. 4329

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4329, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 4365

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4365, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the process for the verification of social security numbers required to be provided to the Secretary of Education for Federal student aid, and for other purposes.

S. 4367

At the request of Mr. JUSTICE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4367, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify the definition of food.

S. 4394

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from South Caro-

lina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4394, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the COPS program with respect to training command-level personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 4410

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4410, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for the payment of bonus payments of certain coal leases issued under that Act.

S. 4419

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4419, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require only foreign entities to report beneficial ownership information, and for other purposes.

S. 4452

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4452, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to raise the retirement age for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations, and for other purposes.

S. 4460

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4460, a bill to provide for an extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

S.J. RES. 163

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 163, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 185

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 185, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. RES. 526

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 526, a resolution withholding the pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs.

S. RES. 691

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 691, a resolution supporting the designation of April 2026 as the "Month of the Military Child".

S. RES. 709

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 709, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2026.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 723—HONORING THE LIFE OF DIRK ARTHUR KEMPTHORNE, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MORENO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 723

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was born on October 29, 1951, in San Diego, California and raised in San Bernardino, California, where he graduated from San Geronimo High School in 1970, before moving to his long-time home, Idaho;

Whereas, in 1975, Dirk Kempthorne graduated from the University of Idaho, in Moscow, Idaho, with a degree in political science and served as the student body president of the University;

Whereas, in 1977, Dirk Kempthorne married Patricia Galvin atop Moscow Mountain;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was elected as Mayor of Boise in 1985;

Whereas, with his steady, locally driven leadership, Dirk Kempthorne led Idaho's capital city through a transformation period, in which Boise experienced unprecedented job growth and the revitalization of infrastruc-

ture and commerce, and which led to the construction of many of the Boise landmarks residents and visitors know today, including the Grove Plaza, Boise Centre, and the Wells Fargo Building;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne carried his approach to leadership to the United States Senate, when he was elected in 1992 to serve a single, but consequential, term;

Whereas, during Dirk Kempthorne's tenure in the Senate, he—

(1) was recognized by the Majority Leader at the time, Bob Dole, as "one of the Senate's rising young stars";

(2) advocated for Idaho and the West on several key committees, including the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works;

(3) authored and voted for several important pieces of legislation, including the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), which provided much-needed relief for State and local governments burdened by Federal regulations; and

(4) led in writing the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-741; 110 Stat. 1613), a bipartisan effort the Senate passed unanimously and President Bill Clinton signed into law that gave local communities and water systems the flexibility to meet local needs while protecting public health, which was emblematic of Dirk's unique ability to build consensus and deliver real results;

Whereas, in 1998, Dirk Kempthorne returned to his home State and was elected the 30th governor of Idaho;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne built upon the strong foundation set by his predecessor and mentor, Phil Batt, and guided Idaho into the era of prosperity and resilience that residents enjoy today;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne balanced States' rights and proven, community-based solutions and prioritized the responsible stewardship of Idaho's natural resources, including by establishing the Department of Environmental Quality and Office of Species Conservation, which developed wolf and grizzly bear management plans;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne also championed the historic Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE) bond program, which provided unprecedented funding for long-overdue transportation improvements across the State;

Whereas Governor Kempthorne implemented numerous economic development and education efforts, including an initiative focused on ensuring every Idaho child could read at grade level by the third grade;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne led Idahoans through the economic recession of the early 2000s and the aftermath of 9/11 with steadiness and compassion;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was confirmed as the 49th United States Secretary of the Interior under President George W. Bush on May 26, 2006;

Whereas, as Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne brought Idaho's common sense and shared values to the executive branch, as he spearheaded the Department's work to ensure America's public lands were preserved and managed wisely, balancing conservation with the needs of the communities that depended on them;

Whereas, as he had done throughout his life, Dirk Kempthorne prioritized collaboration and local input, particularly when it came to forest health, species management, and wildfire prevention, and his dedication to the outdoors continued to his last day, through his support for the World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise and The Peregrine Fund;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne was guided by the belief that cooperation, not confrontation, should be the hallmark of conservation efforts;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne's steadfast advocacy for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States was another core pillar of his leadership;

Whereas, most recently, Dirk Kempthorne had devoted his talents to initiatives supporting the families of servicemembers, including Operation Military Blessings, and the commissioning of the USS *Idaho*;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne's leadership on the USS *Idaho* Commissioning Committee helped to ensure the success of the ship and to raise enough to provide scholarships to every crew member and their family for the life of the ship;

Whereas Dirk Kempthorne's incredible legacy will live on in the heart of the USS *Idaho*, as its engine room is named in his honor and bears a plaque that reads, "The Honorable Dirk A. Kempthorne, A Driving Force for the Great State of Idaho, Whose Legacy Endures, Above and Below the Waves"; and

Whereas Idahoans owe a debt of gratitude to Dirk Kempthorne for a lifetime spent shaping what he called the "43rd star in the galaxy of states that make up the greatest nation in the world": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Dirk Kempthorne, former Member of the Senate;

(B) mourns the loss of Dirk Kempthorne and prays for his loved ones, including his children Heather and Jeff, and his wife of nearly 50 years, Patricia;

(C) remembers Dirk Kempthorne as a friend, a dedicated public servant, and an advocate for Idaho, veterans, the great outdoors, and more;

(D) directs the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) to communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Dirk Kempthorne; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Dirk Kempthorne.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 724—RECOGNIZING THE ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN BUILDING AND ENHANCING THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WELCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of the United States;

Whereas teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their